Sl. No.	State/UT	Small and Marginal Farmers Benefited	
		Rabi 1999-2000	Kharif 2000
4.	Chhattisgarh	Part of Madhya Pradesh	245900
5.	Goa	33	58
6.	Gujarat	3368	369210
7.	Himachal Pradesh	—	Nil
8.	Kerala	2688	9029
9.	Karnataka	Not implemented	14439
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1821	249154
11.	Maharashtra	6656	487295
12.	Meghalaya	Not implemented	8
13.	Orissa	15	Claims under process
14.	Tamil Nadu	Not implemented	Claims under process
15.	Uttar Pradesh	Not implemented	83246
16.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	No season	23
17.	Pondicherry	147	—
	TOTAL:	14758	1571288

Direct subsidies to exporters of agricultural commodities

2129. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose for the first time to give direct subsidies to exporters of all agricultural commodities, disadvantaged in the world markets;

(b) if so, whether the subsidies would be paid through a new mechanism, compatible with the agreement on Agriculture; and

(c) if so, by when final decision for export subsidies for farm goods would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Introducing Agnihotra in Maharashtra

2130. DR. Y. RADHAKRISHNA MURTY:

PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to adopt Vedic Rituals Agnihotra for increasing agricultural productivity in Maharashtra villages;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether adoption of Vedic rituals in agriculture would be spread in villages all over the country;

(d) whether opinion of agricultural Scientists has been sought;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No research work on vedic ritual "Agnihotra" for increasing agricultural productivity has been undertaken in the Council nor there is any proposal to introduce it in the future research agenda of the Council as there is no scientific evidence available with the Council so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.